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" G. W. Haywood.
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COURTS.

The *Supreme Court* of North Carolina is held in this city semi-annually, on the second Monday in June, and the 30th day of December.

Judges.—Hon. Frederick Nash, Chief Justice,
R. M. Pearson, Associate Judge,
W. H. Battle, " "
Edmund B. Freeman, Clerk; Ham. C. Jones, Reporter; J. J. Litchford, Sr., Marshall.

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Judges.—Hon. J. M. Wayne, of Georgia; Hon. Henry Potter, of Fayetteville; District Attorney; Robert P. Dick; Clerk, Wm. H. Haywood, Sr., Marshall, Wesley Jones.

The *Superior Court* for this County, is held on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in March and September.

John C. Moore, Clerk.

Jos. B. Bachelor, Attorney General and Solicitor of the fourth Judicial District.

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NORTHERN MAIL—(By Railroad.)

Through Mail closes daily	at 6½	a. m
Way Mail " "	at 9	p. m
Arrives daily	at 6½	p. m
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Closes daily	at 6	p. m
Arrives daily	at 6	p. m
The Hack leaves	at 7½	p. m

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Closes daily	at 9	p. m.
Arrives daily	at 4½	p. m.
The Train leaves	at 5	p. m

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Closes daily,	at 9	p. m
Arrives daily "	at 5	a. m
The Cars leaves daily at 10m after 5		a. m

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Closes on Sunday, Tues. and Thur., at	9	p. m
Arrives Tuesday, Thurs. and Sat., at	7	p. m
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Sept. 13 '55. 41—

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Misses' Boots, Heavy Waterproof Boots, Brogan do. Heavy Bootees for servants, best double sole Brogans, Kip Brogans.

LADIES' Walking Shoes, Ladies' Cousse Shoes, Ladies Coat Bootees, Ladies' Morocco Bootees, Black and Colored Gaiters.

The above mentioned Boots and Shoes will be sold at the lowest market prices. Call and examine them at

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Oct. 4, 1855. 12—

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INVITE the attention of the trade to their large and varied stock of Drugs, Paints, Oils, Perfumery, &c., &c.

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Orders, either in person or by mail, will receive prompt attention,
June 26, 1855. 1y 77—

First Premium Gold Medal Piano-Fortes.

STEINWAY & SONS,

MANUFACTURERS, 84 & 88 WALKER STREETS.

NEAR BROADWAY, NEW YORK,

Respectfully call the attention of the public to their splendid assortment of semi-grand and square Pianos, which, for volume of tone, elasticity of touch, beauty of finish, and in short every thing that renders a Piano perfect, are unsurpassed. They were awarded the first premium for both kinds in competition with the most distinguished makers from Boston, Philadelphia New York, and Baltimore.

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Steinway & Sons have just been awarded the FIRST Premium GOLD MEDAL (over all competitors) at the late Fair of the American Institute Crystal Palace, for the BEST Pianofortes.
47—tf.

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Baltimore Depot, 145 Pratt,
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127—1y.

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Joseph Lamb, Sec. Peter Rennie, Pres.
Lovel G. Michaels, V. Pres.
Raleigh October 1854. 129—1y.

NEW YORK MILLINERY.

MRS. SIMMONS' Wholesale and Retail Millinery and Straw Goods Warehouse, 364 Broadway NEW YORK.

MRS. S. is now in Europe on the express purpose of selecting novelties for the spring trade, which will arrive and be ready for inspection on or about the first of March. Feathers and Flowers, Bonnets and Millinery are respectfully solicited. Orders executed the same afternoon, elsewhere. Patent Buttons always on hand.

An immense variety of Goods not included in this advertisement. 16—

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HAVING selected their stock from the best that the domestic or foreign markets afford, can, with confidence, offer great inducements to the Merchant, Physician or Manufacturer, to obtain goods they can rely upon, and on as reasonable terms as any similar house in this country.

Orders in person or by mail will meet with prompt and careful attention and are respectfully solicited.

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Most liberal terms and liberal allowance made to Agents and Peddlers already in the business. Men out of employment, address A. H. JOCELYN, publisher of Popular Maps and Illustrated Sheets. Nos. 16 & 60 Fulton street, New York.

March 16, 1856. 11—2m.

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Squashes.
Large Giant.
Beans.
(Bush or Snap Shorts.)
Early Six-Weeks, or Early Mohawk,
Red Speckled Valentine, or Red Narrow,
Brown Speckled Valentine,
Refuge, or Thousand to One,
Red French,
Cranberry Bush,
Extra Early Victoria,
Royal Dwarf, or White Kid Nep,
Early Yellow Six-Weeks,
China Red Eye, or Early China,
Large Lima, or Butter Beans,
Carolina Sewee or Saba.
Beet.
Extra Early Turnip-rooted,
Early Turnip-rooted Red,
Long Blood Red,
Silesian or Sugar,
Mangold Wurtzel,
Early Orange do.
Early Half Long Blood,
French Amber Sugar.
Cabbage.
Early Dutch,
Early York,
Landreth's Large York,
Early Sugar Loaf
Early Battersea,
Early Drumhead,
Green Curled Savoy,
Large Drumhead Savoy,
Red Dutch, (for pickling.)
Large Late Drumhead,
Flat Dutch,
Green Glazed,
Mammoth.
Carrot.
Long Orange,
Early Horn.
Altringham, or Field,
Large White, or Field.
Celery.
White Solid,
Red Solid.
Corn (Indian.)
Evergreen Sugar,
Sweet, or Sugar,
Early Canada,
Early York, or Adam's Early,
Tuscarora.
Cauliflower.
Early Asiatic, (Imported.)
Late Dutch,
Grass—Pepper Grass.
Broccoli—Large Purple Cape, Large White Cape,
Cucumber.
White Spined,
Extra Early Russian,
Early Frame or Table,
Short Prickly,
Early Green Cluster,
Early Frame,
Early Short Green,
Long Green Turkey,
Long Green (Keene's)
Small Cherkin, for pickles.
Egg Plant, or Metogena.
Large Purple,
Early Purple.
Lettuce.
Early Curled, or Cut Salad,
Early Cabbage,
Butter Lettuce,
Brown Dutch,
Royal Cabbage,
Imperial,
Philadelphia Cabbage,
Curled India, or Ice,
White Cos,
Green Cos,
Palestine.
Melons.
Ward's Nectar,
Pine apple, or Persian,
Skillman's Fine Netted,
Rockwood, (extra fine,)
Carolina Water,
Mountain Sweet Water,
Gurney, or Montague Sweet,
New Orleans.

Citron, for preserves,
Mustard.
White,
Brown,
Okra.
Onion.
Silver Skinned, or White,
Large Yellow Strasburg,
Large Red Wethersfield,
Top or Button Onion,
White Portugal,
Yellow Dutch,
Danvers Yellow, (new,)
Large Red,
Early Red, (extra)
Parsley.
Curled, or Double,
Plain or Single,
Parsnip.
Sugar,
Hollow Crowned, or Cap,
Peas.
Landreth's Extra Early.
Early Frame.
Early Washington,
Early May &c,
Early Charlton.
Bishop's Dwarf Prolific,
Dwarf Blue Imperial,
Royal Dwarf Marrowfat,
Blue Prussian,
Early Champion of England
Large White Marrowfat,
Pepper.
Large Sweet, Bell-shaped
Tomato, or Flat,
Cherry,
Cayenne, or Long,
Pumpkin.
Cashaw,
Common Field, or Cheese.
Mammoth,
Radish.
Long Scarlet Short-top,
Long Salmon,
White Turnip-rooted,
Red Turnip-rooted,
Yellow Turnip-rooted,
Summer White,
Rhubarb, or Pie-plant.
Salsify, or Oyster-Plant.
Spanish.
Early Bush, or Patty Pan,
Early Apple Bush, or Egg.
Long Green Crookneck,
Bush Crookneck Summer,
Dutch Summer Scallop,
white,
Dutch Summer Scallop, yellow,
Cocoa-nut,
Valparaiso, or Porter.
Spinach.
Round Savoy-leaved.
Prickly seed.
Tomato, or Love-Apple.
Large Red,
Large Yellow,
Pear-shaped,
Turnip.
Early Flat Dutch. Strap-leaved,
Red-topped, Strap leaved.
Early Stone,
Large Norfolk,
Large Globe,
Yellow Aberdeen,
Scotch Yellow,
Ruta Baga, or Swedish.
Herb Seed.
Lavender,
Lemon Balm,
Rosemary,
Sage,
Savory, Summer,
" Winter,
Sweet Basil,
Sweet Marjoram,
Sweet Thyme,
Grass Seeds.
By the pound or bushel.)
Red Clover,
White Dutch Clover,
Lucerne, or French,
Blue Grass,
Herds or Red Top,
Timothy,
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NO PAY!

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NO HUMBUG—TRY IT.

Dr. Tobias has warranted his Liniment for eight years without ever having a demand made for the return of the money—all that is asked is to use it according to the directions.

NO ONE WILL EVER BE WITHOUT IT

After once using it. If you do not find it better than anything you have ever tried before.

GET YOUR MONEY RETURNED.

☞ Thousands of Certificates have been received speaking of its rare virtues. Now a days it is the practice to fill the papers with certificates from unknown persons, or given by those who have never used the medicine—now Dr. Tobias offers to pay

1,000 DOLLARS

to any one who will prove that he ever published a false certificate during the time he has had his medicine before the Public.

Call on the agents and get a Pamphlet containing genuine certificates. At present customers of the large sale of the Venetian Liniment have stated it to injure one to take it internally. Dr. Tobias has taken the following

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I, Samuel T Tobias, of the City of New York, being duly sworn do depose that I compound a Liniment called Venetian, and that the ingredients of which it is compounded are perfectly harmless to take internally, even in double the quantity named in the Directions accompanying each bottle.

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S. T. TOBIAS.

Sworn to this day before me,

Fernando Wood, Mayor.

Price 25 & 50 cents, sold by the druggists and Patent Medicine Dealers throughout the United States.

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Dr. Tobias' office, 60 Cortland St. New York.
February 20, 1856. 6—1y

AMBROTYPES.

THE superiority of the pictures is, it is seen through the glass, and is not covered like the Daguerreotypes and hence is more easy light, as it is free from the polish of the silver plate. It cannot get dusty, and is not easily defaced; it is impervious to water, air & acid, and will last for ages unimpaired. Call at

T. J. HAVENS.
Raleigh, December, 12th 1855. 45—

Miscellaneous.

From Chamber's Edinburg Journal.

THE LODGINGS THAT WOULDN'T SUIT.

My landlady was a little, spare, neat, clean-looking old woman, with a kind of superficial sharpness of eye that bespeaks a person whose mind has always moved within the same small circle. When, or at what age she began the business of letting furnished apartments, or whether she was born in it, and grew up of nature and necessity a landlady, I do not know: but there she was, as intimate with her house and everything that concerned it, as a limpet is with its shell, and as ignorant, too, as that exclusive animal is of the outside world. Her connection with that world was of a peculiar kind. She never visited it but when driven by the force of circumstances, and then it was as a beleaguered garrison makes a sortie against the enemy.—Her natural foes were the trades-people who dealt in anything she wanted, and the result of a conflict between them, if it involved but the fortunes of a half-penny, colored her whole day. It was not frequently however, that she was driven to this aggressive warfare, for my landlady was a great dealer at the door, and lived in a perpetual hostility with the vendors of sprats—O, and live soles.

Her house, or at least the parlor floor which I inhabited, bore a curious resemblance to herself, being a little, spare, neat, clean-looking old floor. It consisted of a sitting-room and bed-room in excellent preservation. What the age of the furniture may have been, it was impossible even to guess, but for all practical purposes, it was as good as new. There was no gloss on it—there never is in a lodging house—but neither was there a single grain of dust. Though kept constantly clean, it had never been rubbed in its life; and that was the secret of its longevity. The carpet, though as whole as the rest, was not in either respects so fortunate. Its color was so completely faded, that you could not tell what it had originally been; the pattern might have been matter of endless controversy; and it exhibited a decided gang-way from the door to the fire-place. Its dimensions might be thought scanty, for it did not cover the entire floor; but then, it must be considered, that this carpet was intended for comfort of the lodgers' feet, not of those of the six cane bottomed chairs ranged at wide intervals along the walls. On the mantel-piece there stood a lion of Derbyshire spar, and flanking him on each side a vase of stone-ware; the background being formed by a long, narrow, horrizontal mirror, divided into three compartments, with a black frame.

These apartments for which I paid twelve shillings a week, were not particularly cheerful.—They had, indeed, rather a cold, solitary look; and sometimes in the morning at breakfast time, I would fain even have prolonged the minisigging of the dirty maid-of-all-work, by asking questions. But Molly had doubtless been ordered not to speak to the lodgers, and therefore she answered curtly; and slamming down, or whisking off the things she went her way. I had at lenth recourse to my landlady herself, and found her so much more communicative, that I suddenly conceived the wild idea of being able to select from her reminescences the material for a story—with which I had already resolved to delight the public, if I could only think of a plot. She was not at all disinclined to speak. Indeed I believe she would have made no scruple of telling me the history of all her lodgers, from the epoch when things began to settle down after the Norman Conquest; for it was to some such period I referred in my own mind the first occupancy of "Lodgings to Let." But somehow her lodgers had no history to relate. Her favorite hero was a gentleman who every now and then brought her in news from the world that parliament was going to impose a tax upon furnished lodgings. This was a very exciting subject. So far as it went, she was unequivocal as a democrat, that I began to be fearful of political consequences, if we were overheard; indeed she did not hesitate to set the whole boiling of them at defiance, saying, in answer to my caution, that if she was took up in such a cause, she would soon let them know they had got the wrong sow by the ear!

But since my landlady had not a story, why not tell it? There was in it a young gentleman—and a young lady—and a mother—and a journey—and a legacy: all the requisite materials, in short—only not mixed. It would be something new—wouldn't it?—to give a love-story without a word of love, without an incident, and without a denouement. Such was my landlady's no story; and we will get it out of her.

"The lady and her daughter," said she.

"Well, I dont know as there is anything particular to tell about them. They were respectable people, and excellent lodgers; their rent was as punctual in coming in as the Saturday; they stayed fourteen months, and then went away."

"You have not mentioned their name?"

"Their name? Well, surely I must have known their name when I went after the reference; but as they knew nobody, and were known to nobody, I soon forgot it. We called the mother the Parlor, and the daughter the Young Lady; for you see, at that time there was no other young lady in the house. Their occupation?—As for that, the mother marketed, and the daughter sewed, sitting in the chair at the window. Sometimes they walked, sometimes they read, and sometimes they chatted. They did nothing else as I know of. They lived on their means, like other lodgers. All lodgers that stay fourteen months have means. You be so green, mister, you make me laugh sometimes!"

"I only wanted to know what was their station, how they lived, and"——

"Lived? oh, very respectable! A baked shoulder, we shall say, on the Sunday, with potatoes under it; Monday, cold: Tuesday, hashed; then, maybe, a pair of live soles for the Wednesday; Thursday, a dish of sassengers; Friday, sprats—O; and on Saturday, bread and butter in the forenoon, with a saveloy or a polony at tea, made up the week—respectable. I know what a lady is, mister,"—here the landlady fixed her eyes on me severely—"and them were ladies!"

"I have no doubt at all of it; and the young man was of course something like themselves!"

"He was like nothing but a mynsey at the Coburg! I don't know as even he were a young man. He might just as well have been a middle aged or an elderly man. There he sat at the parlor window opposite, with a book in his hand; but it was easy to see that it was our window he was reading, where the young lady was sitting, as I have told you, sewing in her chair. Day after day, week after week, month after month, there was he looking, and looking, and looking; till the picture, I dare say gathered upon his eye, and he could see little else in the world."

"The young lady, I hope, returned the looks?"

"She, poor dear! Lor' love you, she was as short-sighted, that she could not tell whether it was a house or a hedge on the other side of the street. She did so laugh when I told her there was a young man a-looking at her! Then when she turned her poor blind eyes in the direction, promiscuous like, how he snatched away his head, as if he had been a-stealing something! It was a great misfortune for him that I had put my ear in, for all his long, lonely, quiet looks were now at an end. The young lady could not refrain from turning her head sometimes; and every time she did so, it gave him such a spasm! but when at last, she got up, now and then, as if to look, full length, at something in the street, he fairly bolted from off the window. He could not stand that by no manner of means; little knowing, poor soul! that the eyes that had bewitched him did not carry half-way across the street."

"That is excellent, mistress," said I, for we were evidently coming to the pith of the story; "but they no doubt at last?"

"You shall hear—you shall hear," replied my landlady; but I must first tell you, that one day when he had been driven away out of sight by the fall length of the young lady, I went out for a couple of chops to their dinners. Well, I was ever so long gone—for I was not to be done so easily out of a ha' penny a pound—but in coming home, as the young lady was still sewing away, I thought I would just pass by the other side before crossing over. And so, mister, while going by the house, I looked at his window, promiscuous—and there was a sight to see! He had retired to the other end of the room, where he was sitting with his back to the wall, his two elbows on a table before him, and his chin resting on his knuckles, and thus had he been staring for an hour right across the street, unseen and alone, with that young lady before him, like a vision of his own calling up. As for the meeting of the two"——

"Stop, mistress! Before you come to that, describe the young man."

"The young man, if he were a young man, was a grave, steady, sedate, quiet individual, who might have been all ages from twenty five to fifty. He wore black clothes, and a white cravat his hat was always as smooth as satin; his boots looked as if they had been French polished; his hair was brown, and combed smooth; his face gray; and he walked as if he was measuring the pavement with his steps. He left the house at one hour, and returned at another, neither a minute earlier or later; and he indulged his poor heart with the young lady for the very same space of time every day."

"And the heroine?"

"The what, mister?"

"The young lady—I beg pardon."

"Oh, she was a nice sort of person, of two or three and twenty; light hearted but quiet in her manners; with a good complexion; pretty enough features, taking them all together; and light-blue eyes, with the hazy appearance of short-sight."

"Then, go on to the meeting!"

"I'm a coming to it. It was one day that the Parlor and the Young Lady were out; and the live sole being fried beautiful, I was standing at the window, wondering what ever could be keeping them, and it just one. So, as the church clock struck, I sees my young man, as usual open his door and come out, and after a sweeping glance with the tail of his eye at our window, walk down the street, so steady that one or two stepped out of his line, thinking he was a measuring the pavement. Well, who should be coming, right in his front, as if for the express purpose of meeting him but our two ladies! I declare, it put me in mind of the appointment in the paper for the sake of Matrimony with some body as has honorable intentions and means secrecy. The young man went on for a while, as if he meant to cut right through between the mother and daughter; but his courage failed him at last, and he stopped at a window, and stared in at the bill, "Day school for Young Ladies," till they had passed sometime. He then set off again, and disappeared without turning his head."

"And is this the meeting, mistress?" said I with some indignation.

"To be sure it is," said my lady, "and the only meeting they ever had; for that very day the Parlor received a letter from France, or Scotland, or some o her place abroad, which made her give me a week's warning; and at the end of that time, they went off, and I never saw them more."

"And is this your story, mistress?" said I, getting into a downright rage.

"I told you from the first, mister," replied my landlady, flaring up, "that I had no story to tell; and if you don't choose to hear the end of it, you may do the other thing!"

"It is the end, my dear madam, that I am dying to hear. You have so interesting a way with you, that really"——

"Well, well. It was eight months before I heard anything of the ladies; but then I had a few lines from the Parlor, telling me that she had given up all thoughts of returning to London, as her daughter was now well married, and she was to live with her. I hardly knew at first what the letter was about, or who it was from for the young man had gone too, soon after them—to one of the midland counties, I heard—and what with crosses of my own, and the tax that was a going to be laid upon lodgings, I had forgotten all about them. By the end of a year, things were very dull with me. The parlors were empty, and the two-pair-back had gone off without paying his rent. One day I was sitting alone, for the girl was out, and thinking to myself what ever was to be done, when all of a sudden a knock came to the door, that made my heart leap to my mouth. Not that it was a loud, long knock, clatter, clatter, clatter; nor a postman's knock, rat-tatt; nor a knock like yours, master, rat-at-at; it was three moderate, leisurely strokes of the knocker, with precisely the same number of seconds between them and I could have sworn the strokes were knocked by the young man, for many a time and oft had I heard them on the door on the other side of the way."

"I hope to goodness you were right?" said I.

"Never was wrong in my life," said my landlady, "when I felt anything. Black coat, white cravat, smooth hair, glossy boots, brown hair, gray face—all were unchanged. He looked steadily at me for some seconds when I opened the door, and I was just going to ask him how he did—when at last he said; "Lodgings?"

"Yes, sir," said I, "please to step in;" and I showed him into the parlor. He looked at everything minutely, but without moving from where he stood near the door; at the table the chairs, the fire place, the chimney-glass; I am sure he noticed that the tail of that lion was broken (but the hussy tramped for it, I can tell you!)—nothing escaped him; and at last he looked at the window, and at the chair the young lady used to sit in as she sewed; and then turning quietly round he walked out.

"What do you think of them?" asked I anxiously, as I followed him.

"Wouldn't suit," said he: and so he went his way. I was a little put out, you may be sure."—

"I'll take my corporal oath of that!" remarked I.

"But not so much as you think, mister," said my landlady; "for I could not help feeling sorry for him. But yet I own, when the very same thing occurred next year—"

"Next year!"

"On the very day, hour minute, second: the same knock, the same look in my face, the same inspection of the room, the same gaze at the young lady's chair, and the same answer—"

"Wouldn't suit!" The next year"—

"My dear madam!—how long is that ago?"

"Well—a matter of twenty year."

I was glad it was no worse; for a misgiving had come over me, and my imagination was losing itself in the distances of the past.

"The next year," continued my landlady.—"and the next, and the next, and the next were as like as may be. Sometimes the parlor was let; but it was all one—he would see it, as it might do for another times" and the lodgers being out, he did see it, and still it wouldn't suit. At last, I happened one year to be out myself, forgetting that it was the young man's day, and never the thought struck me when coming home, it gave me such a turn! I felt as if I had done right. I was by this time accustomed to the visit, you see, and always grew anxious when the time came. But it was of no consequence to him; only he stared twice as long when the door was opened and he saw a strange face. But he went in all the same, looked at every thing as usual—Wouldn't suit. At all these visits of inspection, his stay was of the same length to a minute; and when he went away I found—for I did watch him once—he walked straight to the coach-office.

"Well, mister, you may think, as years passed on, that I saw some difference in the young man's appearance. But he didn't grow a bit older.—His hair changed, but his gray face was still like granite stone. His pace became slower; but for that he only came the sooner, so that he might have the same time to look, and get back to the coach at the proper moment. Then he seemed to tremble a little in his walk; but he had now a cane to keep him stiff and upright; and he still looked as if he was a measuring the pavement, only taking more pains to it. I cannot think what it was that made me care so much about that old young man, for I never in my life exchanged more words with him than you have heard. But once, when the clock was fast, and he hadn't made his appearance at the hour, I sat quaking in my chair, and grew so nervous that when at last the knock came, I started up with a scream. But this was after we had been well nigh a score of years accustomed to each other. Earlier, I was sometimes cross; that was when we had hardly any lodgers, and the parlor never would suit. But it was all one o him. He didn't mind me a pin—not even when, being in better humor, I once asked him to sit down. He just looked as usual—as if there was nobody in the world but himself. I was so settled, that I thought of repeating the invitation, and pointing to the young lady's chair; but it was a bad thought, and I'm glad now that I kept it down.

"He grew more and more infirm; and at last, when one year he came and went in a coach, although he would not make use of coachee's arm either in coming down or going up the steps, I had a sore heart, and dim eyes looking after him. The next year, you may be sure, I was at my post as usual; but when it came near the hour, I was so fidgety and nervous that I could not sit down, but kept going from the parlor window to the door, and looking up at the clock. The clock struck—there was no knock. Poor old young man! In ten minutes more, there was the postman's knock, and I took the letter he gave me, into the parlor—slow and desolate like. The girl was out; we had hardly any lodgers; things were very bad with me—I was sore cast down. But business is business; and I opened the letter which was no doubt about the apartments, for I never get any other. This time, it was from a country attorney, telling me of that Death, and of a clause in the will, leaving a hundred pounds to me for my trouble in showing *the lodgings that wouldn't suit.*

Mister, I was took all of a heap! The whole twenty years seemed to be upon my brain. The young man—the young lady—the long, long love-looks across the street—the meeting he couldn't stand, that was like Matrimony in the papers—the visits to the parlor, where she had lived, and sat and never saw him—the gray face—the sinking limbs—the whitening hair—the empty lodgings—the hundred pounds! he was alone in the house; I felt alone in the world; and straightway I threw the letter upon the table, plumps me down in a chair, and burst out a crying and sobbing."

Here my landlady stopped; and here ends a tale that wants, methinks, only incident, plot, character, coloring, a beginning, a middle, and an end, to be a very good one. But all these it receives from the reader, who is acquainted with the inner life, of that old young man, and is able, if he choose, to write his history in volumes; and whose memory brings before him some unconscious image, which gave a tone and direction to the thoughts of years, and supplied a Mecca of the heart for his meditative visits without affecting in any sensible degree the cold calm look, and the measured step with which he paced through the cares and business of the world.

Which to Choose.

Mrs. Champion, a rich widow of only thirty summers, and in the full bloom of her beauty, was in the matrimonial market closely besiege by three suitors, all of them good looking, all gentlemen, and all professing unbounded and disinterested love for the fair lady Capt. Trevanion had been a cavalry officer, but had retired from the service. He was a tall, dashing figure with very aristocratic manners, and like Ned Pepper, Paul Clifford's friend, possessed an "unkimmon fine head of hair." Indeed, it was rumored that his ambrosial curls were not nature's gift to him, but the *spolia opima* of some nameless and more favored individual, procured of Bogle by the intermediation of a certain amount of filthy lucre. The Captain had inherited a large fortune.

Suitor No. 2 was a young man about town, very fashionable, polished and pleasant. He contrived to keep out of debt, but his financial resources were said to be very limited. Mr. Maud Careless evidently had a good prospect of success.

The third suitor, Mr. Stanley Moreton, was an art student, and also cultivated poetry. Though very modest and unaffected, he was slightly eccentric in the matter of costume—wore